Clause 10.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: I move that in Clause 10 line 1, the brackets enclosing the figure "10" be removed. This admittedly is a printer's mistake and as it stands there is no clause No. 10 in the Bill.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: It is for the Government member to correct at the last stage.

The question that Clause 10 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The clause was added to the Bill.

Clause 11.

The question that Clause 11 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The clause was added to the Bill.

Preamble.

The question that the preamble do stand part of the Bill was put and carried and the Preamble was added to the Bill.

Title.

The question that the Title do stand part of the Bill was put and carried and the Title was added to the Bill.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, the only amendment that has been passed in this Bill is with regard to Clause 9 and even there it is only a bare verbal amendment that has been made. I therefore propose to move that the Bill be passed but before doing that, I want to know whether any honourable member has any objection to that.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Does any Honourable Member object to it?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Before I move that the Bill be passed, I may be permitted to move the following amendment to Clause 1—

"For the figures '111' appearing in Clause 1, sub-clause (a)' the figures '1114' may be substituted"

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it.

The question was put and carried.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that the Travancore Irrigation Regulation (Amendment) Bill be now passed.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE ABKARI REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir I rise to introduce the Travancore Abkari Regulation (Amendment) Bill. It has been published in the Government Gazette with the statement of objects and reasons. I move that the Bill be read in Assembly.

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MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I may be permitted to explain briefly the scope and object of the Bill. In section 28 of the Abkari Regulation power is conferred on certain Abkari officers to enter upon and search and seize anything found therein which he has reason to believe to be liable to confiscation. In the section, as it stands, it is said that in regard to Abkari officers this power shall be exercised only by those officers whose salary is not less than Rs. 20. It is the practice now for all Abkari officers who get a salary of Rs. 20 and above, to enter places where they suspect or where they have reasonable cause for believing that an offence has been committed, search and seize the articles found therein. It has been the recent experience of Government that for the efficient carrying out of the provisions of the Abkari Regulation, they should have a larger number of Abkari officers authorised to detect and prevent offences. With this object in view the Excise Department was re-organized and the strength of the Abkari officers increased. But an increase in their number alone could not be sufficient because it should also happen that as provided for in the section these officers should get Rs. 20 or more. The reasons based on retrenchment and various other matter have prompted Government to recruit in the first instance Abkari officers or Petty Officers only in the lower scale of Rs. 18. It was done for the purpose of effecting a saving. It was done for the purpose of providing for certain facilities in regard to recruitment under the Public Service Commission G. O. Therefore the change that has been effected in the strength of the Abkari officers does not appear to have benefited us to a considerable extent, because these officers who have now been recruited are still unable to exercise the powers conferred under Section 28 until their salary is raised to Rs. 20. It was therefore thought necessary that this clause should be amended as proposed in this Bill, namely, for the words "Abkari Officer whose monthly salary is not below Rs. 20" the words "Abkari Officer not below the rank of a Petty Officer." This will enable Petty Officer on the last grade who receives Rs. 18 to exercise the power provided for in Section 28. The present recruitment rules insist upon the recruitment of officers with proper academic qualification and it affords sufficient guarantee for status or the respectability or the ability of the officer concerned. It is not the pay that should be taken as the criterion for conferment of this power. Status and reliability of Government servants are guaranteed under the existing public service recruitment G. O. and other orders issued by Government from time to time. I therefore submit that, if this amendment is accepted, it will enable Government to achieve that which other honourable members also want to achieve, *viz.*, the better and more efficient working of the excise laws.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: പൊറി ആഫീസർമാരുടെ സ്കെയിൽ എത്ര രൂപവരെയുണ്ട്?

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MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: ക വ്യക്തമാക്കാമോ.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATARAKAN: എത്ര കൊല്ലത്തിലൊരിക്കലാണ് ഇൻക്രിമെൻറ് കിട്ടുന്നത് ?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: ക വ്യക്തമാക്കാം, ക ക്യക്തമാക്കാം, ക ക്തമാക്കാം, ക വ്യക്തമാക്കാം ഇതെല്ലാം ഗ്രേഡുകളിലാണ് പെറിഞ്ഞാഫീസർമാർ. ക വ്യക്തമാക്കാരനെ മുകളിലോട്ട് പോകേണ്ടതുണ്ട് പ്രമോഷനിലാണ്. ക വ്യക്തമാക്കാരനെ ക ക്തമാക്കാം എന്നുവച്ചാൽ ർത്തമാനം കിട്ടുന്നതിന് (ഇക്കാലത്തെ ർത്തമാനം ഇൻക്രിമെൻറ് കിട്ടുന്നതിനെ) എത്രകാലം വേണ്ടിവരുമോ അത്രയും കാലം വേണ്ടിവന്നേക്കും.

MR. V. CHANDAMIAH (*Nominated*): The Abkari Regulation was first passed in 1073. According to certain provisions in it, officers drawing a salary of Rs. 20 and above alone were empowered to conduct searches. Originally the petty officers salary was Rs. 10. Then it was raised to Rs. 15. Now the minimum salary has still further been raised. Whatever may be the salary of the post, my recommendation is that the Sub-Inspectors may be empowered to conduct searches instead of petty officers. That is the provision obtaining in the British Indian enactment With these words I support the amendment.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ഭേദഗതിയെ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. വീടുകളിൽ പ്രവേശിച്ച് തൊണ്ടി എടുക്കാനുള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ കുറവിനെ പരിഹരിക്കാൻ ഈ ഭേദഗതി എന്തുയും അത്യാവശ്യമാണ്. എന്നാൽ ഇത്ര രൂപ ശമ്പളമുള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ എന്നു് ഇതിൽ പറയേണ്ട ആവശ്യമുണ്ടെന്നും തോന്നുന്നില്ല. അതിനാൽ ശമ്പളത്തിന്റെ തുക നിയമത്തിൽ പറയാതെ ഇന്നയുദ്യോഗസ്ഥനുള്ള ഇന്നയധികാരം എന്നു പറയുന്നതു കുറേക്കൂടി നന്നായിരിക്കുമെന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായത്തോടുകൂടി ഞാൻ ഈ ഭേദഗതിയെ അനുകൂലിച്ചു കൊള്ളുന്നു.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The question before the House that the Travancore Abkari Regulation (Amendment) Bill be now read in the Assembly.

(The Secretary to the Assembly then read the title of the Bill.)

MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, this is a very small bill and in fact the smallest Bill that has been introduced in this Assembly. I therefore do not propose to refer this to a Select Committee.

(At this stage the President occupied the chair.)

Hence, I request you, Sir, to suspend the Standing Order No. 34.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

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MR. PUTHUPALLY S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that the Bill be taken up for consideration.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is that clause 1 do stand part of the Bill.

The motion was passed and the clause added to the Bill.

Clause 2.

The question before the House is that clause 2 do stand part of the Bill.

The motion was put and carried and the clause added to the Bill.

The question that the Preamble and the short title do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that in clause 1, line 2, for the figures '111', the figures '1114' be substituted.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it.

The question was put and carried.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that the Bill be now passed.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE FACTORIES BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: I may be permitted to move certain amendments of which I have given notice one which I move now is only formal. In clause 1, line 2 for the figures '111' substitute the figures '1114' and for the word on in sub-clause 3 substitute the word 'at once.'

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: In clause 34, para (1), substitute the words "fifty-four" for the words "forty-eight and substitute the word "sixty" for the words "fifty-four."

I have explained to the honourable members of this House the absolute necessity for retaining these figures in the Bill. We should have a factory law which is on a party with factory laws now in force in Cochin, and other Indian States as well as in British India. The arguments are fully before the House. Hence I move the amendment for the acceptance of the House.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI RAO: I second it

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Sir, I oppose it.

PRESIDENT: Before honourable members go further I must say that I think it will be the duty of Government to withdraw the Bill, if these amendments are not passed. The one result of the amendment not being passed is, that most of the factory owners will be under the

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